

the Act of June 10, 1920, Section 24, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 818 (1994).

4. The lands described in paragraph 1 have been open to mining under the provisions of the Mining Claims Rights Restoration Act of 1955, 30 U.S.C. 621 (1994). However, since the act applies only to lands withdrawn for power purposes, provisions of the act are no longer applicable. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

5. By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by the Act of June 10, 1920, Section 24, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 818 (1994), and pursuant to the determination by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in DVCO-553-000, it is ordered as follows:

At 9 a.m. on May 12, 2000, the following described National Forest System land withdrawn by the Secretarial Order dated July 2, 1910, which established Power Site Reserve No. 32, will be opened to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System lands, subject to the provisions of Section 24 of the Federal Power Act as specified by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission determination DVCO-553-000 and subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law:

Roosevelt National Forest

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 4 S., R. 78W.,

Sec. 26, that portion of lot 16 west of Highway No. 9.

The area described contains 7 acres of National Forest System land in Summit County.

6. The land described in paragraph 5 has been and will remain open to mineral leasing and to location and entry under the provisions of the Mining Claims Rights Restoration Act of 1955, 30 U.S.C. 621 (1994).

Dated: March 21, 2000.

Sylvia V. Baca,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-924-1430-ET; MTM 024829]

Public Land Order No. 7440; Revocation of Department of the Air Force Withdrawals; Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order revokes, in their entirety, two public land orders which withdrew public lands for the use of the United States Air Force for military and communication site purposes. The lands are no longer needed for military purposes and the revocation is needed to permit development of a recreation area and interpretative site. This action will open 66.37 acres to surface entry, mining, and mineral leasing. The lands have been and will remain open to disposal of mineral materials under the Act of July 31, 1947, 30 U.S.C. 601-604 (1994).

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 12, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Public Land Order No. 1758 and Public Land Order No. 2186, as corrected by Public Land Order No. 2230, which withdrew public lands for use of the Department of the Air Force for military and communication site purposes, are hereby revoked in their entirety:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 17 N., R. 20 E.,

Sec. 19, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, that part described as beginning at a point which is S. 23°13'33" E., 6880.73 feet from the northwest corner of sec. 18, T. 17 N., R. 20 E., thence N. 37°16'10" W., 65.56 feet; N. 52°43'50" E., 100.00 feet; S. 37°16'10" E., 30.00 feet to a point which is S. 24°01'12" E., 6826.53 feet from the northwest corner of sec. 18; S. 37°16'10" E., 70.00 feet; S. 52°43'50" W., 100.00 feet; N. 37°16'10" W., 34.44 feet to the point of beginning. S $\frac{1}{2}$, that part described as beginning at a point N. 16°27' W., 1314.22 feet from the southeast corner of said sec. 19, thence S. 0°12' W., 118.97 feet; N. 89°48' W., 624.26 feet; N. 44°48' W., 323.12 feet; N. 89°48' W., 157.00 feet; S. 58°12' W., 338.35 feet; N. 89°48' W., 503.00 feet; S. 72°12' W., 508.00 feet; N. 89°48' W., 420.00 feet; N. 65°48' W., 433.76 feet; N. 0°12' E., 535.00 feet; N. 59°12' E., 540.00 feet; S. 77°48' E., 535.00 feet; N. 73°12' E., 692.00 feet; S. 89°48' E., 830.00 feet; S. 0°12' W., 188.48 feet; S. 89°48' E., 621.67 feet; S. 0°12' W., 790.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Sec. 20, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, that part described as follows: Tract No. F, Part 1: Beginning at a point N. 44°22'00" E., 5986.83 feet from the southwest corner of said sec. 20; thence N. 8°16'30" W., 298.00 feet; N. 81°43'30" E., 796.60 feet; S. 8°16'30" E., 320.00 feet; S. 81°43'30" W., 496.60 feet;

S. 8°16'30" E., 100.00 feet; S. 81°43'30" W., 300.00 feet; N. 8°16'30" W., 122.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The areas described aggregate 66.37 acres in Fergus County.

2. At 9 a.m. on May 12, 2000, the lands shall be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 9 a.m. on May 12, 2000, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

3. At 9 a.m. on May 12, 2000, the lands shall be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws and to the operation of the mineral leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of any lands described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1994), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: March 20, 2000.

Sylvia V. Baca,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-650-1430-ET; CACA 2642 01]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 22,331.83 acres of public lands in Kern County to protect the Desert Tortoise Natural Area. This notice closes the